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Please find enclosed my comments regarding the pending settlement between the United States Government, several individual states and Microsoft Corp.

First, let me state that I am neither in the employ nor have any dealings with of any of the parties directly affected by this action, but am a consumer whose past and future access to technology and the advancement to society that a diverse and thriving technology sector offers has been diminished by Microsoft's anticompetitive corporate behavior.

It is my view that the proposed remedies are a grossly disproportionate to the violations of which Microsoft has been proven guilty.

The proposed settlement verges on being meaningless in enforcing upon Microsoft any degree of compliance with the principles of justice that are required to curb Microsoft's ongoing anticompetitive behavior .

It is my firm belief that nothing short of the partitioning of Microsoft into separate corporations, each prohibited from engaging with the other to any extent beyond that afforded to a third party, will suffice.

In order to avoid the continuance of the damage that has been inflicted within the marketplace to formerly able bodied competitors requires substantial and meaningful action.

I urge you to step above narrow partisan politics and enforce to the fullest degree possible under the law strong measures to deal with the past and future actions of Microsoft Corp.

Sincerely,

Steve Hilditch